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SATURDAY
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went to the office. Foster and Co. left London last night for Washington. It is too early yet to know what they may have accomplished.

Ellery Huntington was to meet me but we had bad luck. He is leaving tomorrow to see his old friend Tito in Yugoslavia. The all-American quarterback is as spry as when, in his fifties, he was parachuted into Serbia.

Maurice Mayer and his wife lunched with us. This distinguished French doctor has a strong political sense. He has known Mendès well for twenty years and detests him. He believes Mendès a dangerous statesman, sold by instinct and environment to the Russians. Mayer's firm resistance record, the fact he is Jewish, his passionate patriotism, lend force to his arguments. To the contrary, his close friendship with Georges and Susie Bidault would naturally place him in opposition to Mendès. We had an enlivening chat, which only terminated at 4:00 o'clock, when Alphand arrived at the house. It seems that Mendès has responded [redacted] rudely to his letter. Now he feels he must answer, and so the epistolary combat proceeds. Alphand is deeply worried over the possibility of the resuscitation of the Wehrmacht, and is resolved to fight it.

Some one from Gruenther's office called me to say Al was to see the Prime Minister this afternoon. Mendès will ask him, I have no doubt, what controls SHAPE could exercise over future German contingents.

We spent the night at Versailles.

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We drove all over creation before finding our destination, the Gérard's beautiful Chateau Villete, where we had been invited to lunch. Sosthène de la Rochefoucauld, a couple of Indian Maharanees, Pierre de Fleurieu, Mademoiselle Poniatowski (a mural painter, niece of my friend André Poniatowski), Lowell Weicker, and the boys of the family were on hand. We could not walk around since there was a driving rain.

On the way back to Versailles we stopped to see the country house Lowell has just bought -- it has a fine park.

Shot some clay pigeons to the enchantment of Carlos and Brucie, who go mad at the [redacted] sound of a gun.

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